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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

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SUBJECT: Revision(s) of Title 4 ("Claims") of the GAO Policy
and Procedures Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies

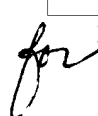
1. We have reviewed the subject document and do not find any specific provisions which are particularly objectionable from an Office of Personnel standpoint, or which are especially harmful to OP equities. It is our understanding, based on experience and on informal consultation with the Office of General Counsel, that the Agency's interest in protecting sensitive personnel information in the GAO/claims context already is essentially accommodated by statutory exemptions(s) from GAO rules and/or by agreement (MOU) with GAO. While it might be desirable for CIA to be exempted explicitly in Title 4 of the subject Manual from all GAO jurisdiction over claims against (and perhaps, by) the Agency, such an exclusion would be resisted strongly by GAO, could require legislation, and probably is not appropriately raised in the course of the subject exercise.

2. Finally, there is one minor change that would make one section of the Manual more accurate -- i.e., revising Chapter 3, Section 23.2a(2), on page 4-21 to read as follows:

"Federal Civilian Retirement Systems. If the decedent was subject to the provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act, as amended, or another federal civilian retirement system, his current earnings up to and including the date of death are subject to deductions for the Civil Service Retirement Fund or for the fund established for the federal civilian retirement system in which the decedent was a participant."

This change would reflect the fact that the rule under CIARDS in this regard is the same as the rule for the CSRS.

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